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SUBJ: LEBANESE CRISIS: LETTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
FROM AMBASSADOR GHORRA (LEBANON)

REF:USUN 2738

1. REFTEL TRANSMITTED A LETTER DATED JULY 1 TO THE SC
PRESIDENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ARAB GROUP AT THE UN
OPPOSING SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF THE SITUATION
IN LEBANON. LEBANESE PERMREP GHORRA REPLIED TO THIS
LETTER JULY 12 STATING THAT THE LEBANESE DELEGATION
OBJECTED TO THE ARAB GROUP LETTER, THAT THE ARAB GROUP
HAS NO JURISDICTION TO TAKE SUCH DECISIONS, AND THAT
THE JULY 1 LETTER WAS PURPOSELESS SINCE THERE WAS NO
REQUEST BEFORE THE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THE LEBANESE
SITUATION.

2. TEXT OF AMBASSADOR GHORRA'S LETTER CIRCULATED TO
COUNCIL MEMBERS BY PRESIDENT OF SC FOLLOWS:

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EXCELLENCY,

I HAVE HONOUR TO REFER TO LETTER NO.QAT/UN/4/3/A-25
DATED JULY 1, 1976, ADDRESSED TO YOUR EXCELLENCY BY
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF QATAR, IN HIS CAPACITY AS
CHAIRMAN OF ARAB GROUP, FOR CURRENT MONTH OF JULY.

IN THIS LETTER, CHAIRMAN OF ARAB GROUP STATED THAT HIS
GROUP "IS AGAINST ANY CONSIDERATION BY SC OF SITUATION IN
LEBANON".

I WISH TO MAKE FOLLOWING REMARKS REGARDING THIS LETTER:

A) MEETING AT WHICH LETTER WAS DECIDED TO BE SENT WAS
HELD DESPITE OBJECTION OF LEBANESE DEL AND IN ITS ABSENCE.
THEREFORE LETTER DOES NOT CARRY ITS CONCURRENCE.

B) LETTER STATED OBJECTION OF ARAB GROUP AGAINST ANY
CONSIDERATION BY SC OF SITUATION IN LEBANON. AS IT IS EVIDENT
TO YOU THERE WAS NO REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS SUCH
A SITUATION. LETTER WAS THEREFORE WITHOUT OBJECT.

C) ARAB GROUP HAS NO POWER OR JURISDICTION TO TAKE
DECISIONS OF THIS NATURE.

D) LEBANON ALONE, IN EXERCISE OF ITS ABSOLUTE RIGHT OF
SOVEREIGNTY, CAN DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT TO RESORT TO SC.

I KINDLY REQUEST YOU TO CONVEY CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER
TO MEMBERS OF SC.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION.
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